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1. Between 17 and 23 June 1951, troops of various branches of service, including air force personnel, arrived in Bad Freienwalde (N 53/V 28) from the direction of Eberswalde on regular trains. About 30 percent of the soldiers were NCOs. Specifically, the shipments included: 60 men on 17 June; 420 on 18 June; 350 on 19 June; 120 on 21 June; 470 on 22 June; and 200 on 23 June.
2. Troops leaving Bad Freienwalde by rail toward Frankfurt/Oder included 1,200 soldiers on 17 June and 1,000 on 21 June. The loading on 17 June was again attended by a general using sedan [REDACTED]. Security measures were intensified, especially during the loading procedure. [REDACTED] that the soldiers did not like to go back to the U.S.S.R. and that some of them had even tried to desert.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. Between 17 and 23 June 1951, about 1,620 soldiers due for demobilization arrived in the Fourth Gds Mecz Army processing camp in Bad Freienwalde. [REDACTED] previously reported that on 5, 9, 13, 17 and 21 June 1951, groups of about 1,000 men were shipped by rail toward Frankfurt/Oder. [REDACTED] reported that the train which, according to the present report, was loaded on 17 June 1951, was shuttle train [REDACTED] en route from Bad Freienwalde to Gerdauen. [REDACTED] On the basis of the above figures, a total of 5,000 to 6,000 men may have passed through the Bad Freienwalde processing camp to date. Sedan [REDACTED] belongs to the Hq Fourth Gds Mecr Army, [REDACTED] in the present report belong to the 6th Gds Mecz Div, air force units, the GORG and the SCC.

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